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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER MELO ANTUNES

TO LOURENCO MARQUES AND DAR ES SALAAM

1. COMING FROM LUANDA, MAJOR MELO ANTUNES, MEMBER OF THE
REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND NEW FOREIGN MINISTER OF PORTUGAL,
COMPLETED A 24-HOUR WEEKEND STOP IN LOURENCO MARQUES AND
ON MARCH 30 PROCEEDED ON TO DAR ES SALAAM. MELO ANTUNES WAS
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ACCOMPANIED TO DAR BY A HIGH-POWERED GROUP OF LOCAL OFFICIALS.

ON THE PORTUGUESE SIDE, GROUP INCLUDED MOZAMBIQUE HIGH COMMISSIONER CRESPO, SECRETARY GENERAL AGUIAR, CHIEF OF STAFF COL. MANUEL MENEZES. FROM THE MOZAMBIQUE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT IT INCLUDED PRIME MINISTER CHISSANO, MINISTER OF INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION GUEBUZA, CHIEF OF THE MOZAMBIKAN DELEGATION FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH PORTUGAL, JOAQUIM DE CARVALHO AND MEMBERS OF THE MIXED MILITARY COMMISSION ALBERTO CHIPANDE, JOAQUIM VELHOSO AND COMMANDER SULILA. ALL THE ABOVEMENTIONED MOZAMBIKANS ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF FRELIMO'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

2. MELO ANTUNES SAID THAT TANZANIA WAS THE ONLY INDEPENDENT AFRICAN COUNTRY WHICH HE WOULD VISIT. HE WOULD MEET THERE WITH FRELIMO PRESIDENT MACHEL AND WITH TANZANIAN PRESIDENT NYERERE. WITH NYERERE HE WOULD DISCUSS "CERTAIN ASPECTS OF AFRICAN POLICY AND OF PORTUGUESE FOREIGN POLICY RELATED TO THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND, IN GENERAL, TO THE COUNTRIES OF THE THIRD WORLD".

3. RE ANGOLA, MELO ANTUNES WAS ASKED BY LOCAL REPORTERS ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF "AGITATORS" STIRRING UP THE ANGOLAN POPULATION. HE SAID THAT WHILE THIS WAS A POSSIBILITY, THERE WAS NO CONCRETE EVIDENCE TO JUSTIFY THIS CONCLUSION. (NOTICIAS ON MARCH 31 REPORTED THAT MINISTER OF INTER-TERRITORIAL COORDINATION ALMEDA SANTOS SAID IN LISBON THAT BOTH PARTIES (MPLA AND FNLA) WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE AGITATION, BUT THAT THIS IMPLIED CERTAIN FOREIGN FINANCIAL SUPPORT (MEIOS) FOR THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.) HE WOULD NOT BE DRAWN OUT ANY FURTHER ON FOREIGN INTERVENTION.

4. RE MOZAMBIQUE, MELO ANTUNES SAID THERE WERE IN THE POLITICAL FIELD "THE MAJOR OPTIONS AND FUNDAMENTAL DECISIONS WHICH MUST BE TAKEN NOW IN ORDER TO FINALIZE THE THIRD PHASE OF THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND FRELIMO REGARDING ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION". HE STATED THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND MOZAMBIQUE COULD SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE OF "A NEW TYPE OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES", AND THAT PORTUGAL HAD THE AMBITION TO PLAY A VERY IMPORTANT HISTORICAL ROLE IN TRANSFORMING THE TYPE OF RELATIONS WHICH EXISTED UP TO NOW BETWEEN "OPPRESSOR AND OPPRESSED".

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TM COMMENT: MELO ANTUNES APPEARS TO BE ONE OF THE LEADERS IN PORTUGAL'S REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL OF THE SO-CALLED THIRD WORLD CAMP WHICH SEES PORTUGAL AS A DEVELOPING COUNTRY WHOSE MAJOR INTERESTS LIE IN THE THIRD WORLD. IDEOLOGICALLY, ANTUNES AND CRESPO PROBABLY SHARE THE VIEW THAT PORTUGAL'S DOMESTIC POLITICS SHOULD DRAW ON SUCH EXAMPLES OF THIRD WORLD SOCIALISM AS NYERERE'S AFRICAN SOCIALISM. ON THE SUBJECT OF FOREIGN

INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA, EDUCATED PORTUGUESE HERE GENERALLY
BELIEVE THAT THE FNLA IS BEING ACTIVELY SUPPORTED BY THE USG.
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